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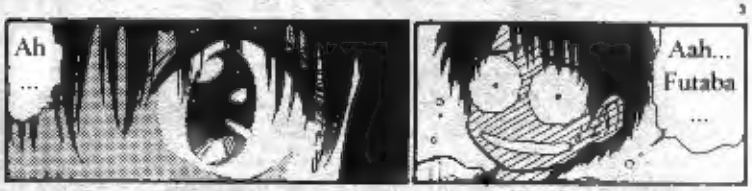
Huh?


Ah ...
Aah... Futaba ...

What the ...?
Don't... get me wrong! Futaba...
WAA-AAA AAH ...!!!

A rapping sound on my wall, this is our secret signal
rap
rap
rap
It's time to eat
Ah

Ha-loo—!
20t
KAWAMURA
HI-LY

Entering the 2nd year of living alone. It's early summer
Kami-yama Yuuki, age 16

I'll live ...
Dai-joubu? Yuuki -kun?
Ecchi! Sukebe! Rot in hell!
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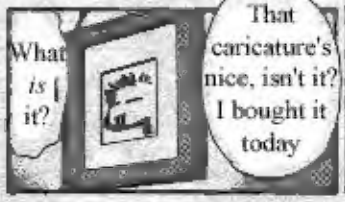
ぼーん

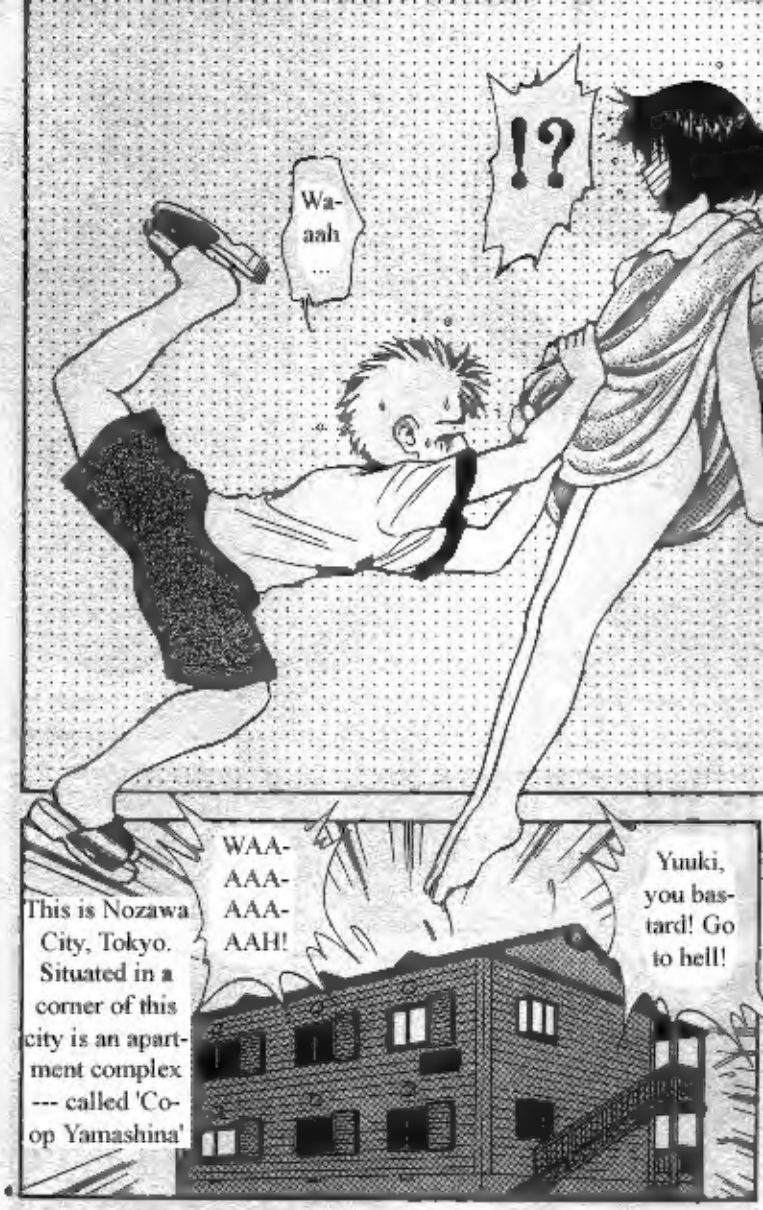
Eh?
Mi-te!


What *is* it?
That caricature's nice, isn't it? I bought it today

The dishes were ready, but the rice wasn't done yet...
I had the free time so I...
Gome-nasai! It's all my fault

Onee-chan ...
Hatsune -neesan ...
I forgot that hammering can sound like knock-ing, too!

I ham-mered away thought-lessly
In my haste to put it up on the wall...


!?
Waaah ...
This is Nozawa City, Tokyo. Situated in a corner of this city is an apart-ment complex --- called 'Co-op Yamashina'
WAA-AAA-AAA-AAH!
Yuuki, you bas-tard! Go to hell!

Really? You're leaving? Where?
Fu-chan, I'll leave the house in your care
Because of work, starting tomorrow, I'll be away for a while

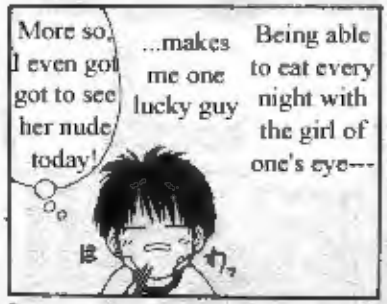
That is, I don't know if Futaba... can return the feeling...
Oh, that's right!

It's a two year contract
I'm going to Nagoya

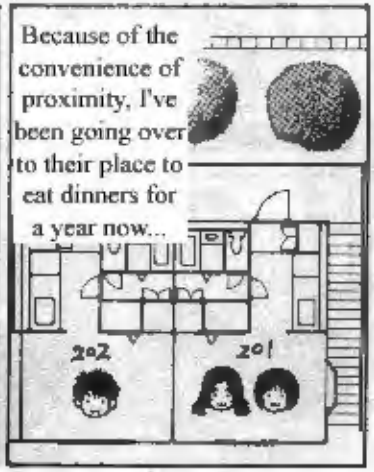
It can't be...

Say what ...?

...Kawamura Futaba
I'm very much in love with...
Mataku ...


More so, I even got got to see her nude today!
...makes me one lucky guy
Being able to eat every night with the girl of one's eye---

But... There's one problem...


Because of the convenience of proximity, I've been going over to their place to eat dinners for a year now...
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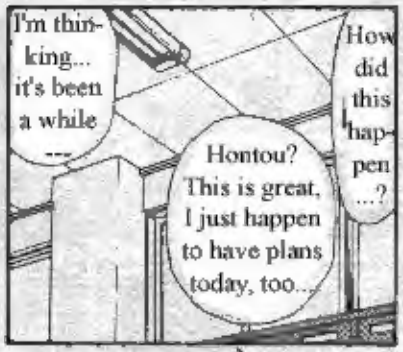
He's a lucky bastard
That so? Wonder what the guy's like?
Aren't you guys going out though?
Baka, what are you talking about? She's in love with someone else!

 *ninkimono=popular person

Shu-uto -sen-sei!
Huh ...?
I've been looking for you two for so long


I'm thinking... it's been a while ---
How did this happen ...?
Hontou? This is great, I just happen to have plans today, too...

Huh ...?
Horticulture Club activities are cancelled

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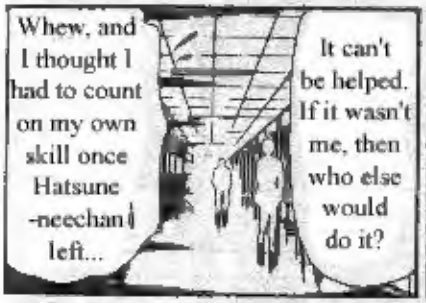
So I need your help to get instruments from the music room and to spread the word, alright?
Is this for real? This is awesome!
Yes, sir!

Eh ... ...?
...since I last held Contemporary Music Club activities

It's all Onee-chan's fault. The house is full of boxes, yet I'm not the one moving...

This is just so typical of Hatsune -neechan though
Ma taku, Oneechan tara... Who makes their moving plans known just a day before the fact?!

Hm ...?
Oh yeah, Yuuki, what do we do for dinner?


Whew, and I thought I had to count on my own skill once Hatsune -neechan left...
It can't be helped. If it wasn't me, then who else would do it?

Huh? You-'re coming over to cook for me?
The room is full of boxes, there isn't any space left...

Then that means, tonight, it'll be just the two of us?

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Ah, I found you!
Shi-awa-se!

Are you asking for tro-uble?
Wait... Futaba, can you even cook at all?

...is none other than Shuuto -sensei

This song sounds so great

The guy Kawa-mura Futaba loves...

園芸部

sign - Horticulture Club and Contem- porary Music Club

Futaba, didn't you say you weren't coming?

Eh? That's odd

I didn't know he was this popular ...

Looks like Shuuto -sensei played no small role in this

Whoa, we gathered such an audi-ence in the spur of the moment?

Still, loo-king past the pain, I can ea-sily relate to her si-tuation...

... yeah

Well, it's about time I headed home

And I, love Futaba the same way...

But despite this, Futaba is still deep-ly in love with Shuuto -sensei...

But Shuu-to-sensei already has a girl-friend...

... even if it pains me to do so

All I can do is watch from afar, and wish the best for them...

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Shuuto-sensei used to be part of a legendary band in his student days

Ma ta-ku ...

It's so rare to hear Shuuto -sensei play the guitar. It'd be a shame for me to miss it

Just one song, 'kay? I'll head home once it's done!

---No. The one who should apologize is me
Go... Gome-nasai ...!
I'm sorry ...
I used you guys to help me forget...
Shuuto -sensei... broke up with his girlfriend
It's all come to an end ...
Yes-ter-day ...we broke ... up
Sensei, that first song you played was beautiful. Futaba liked it, too. What was that?
Just a song I wrote on the spot before
It doesn't have a name
Looks like in the end it was a solo show for me...
I think, Futaba... probably feels the same way I do...
Haha, tiring, isn't it?
And besides--- before now, I only played it for one person alone...
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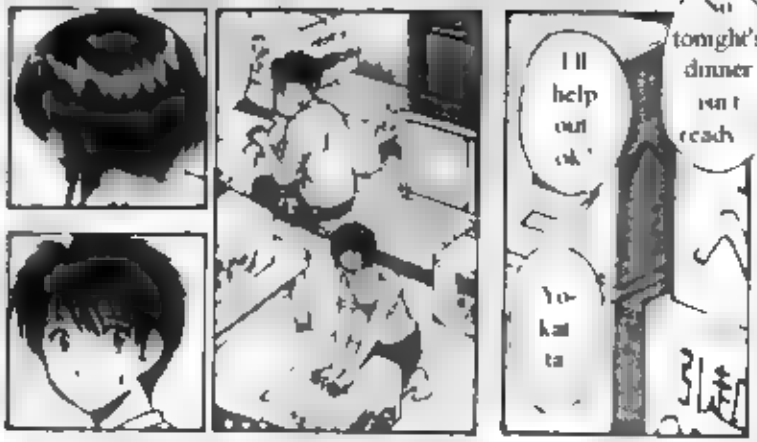
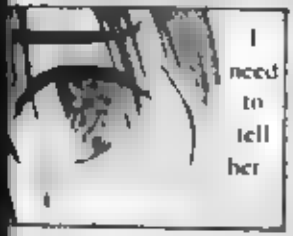
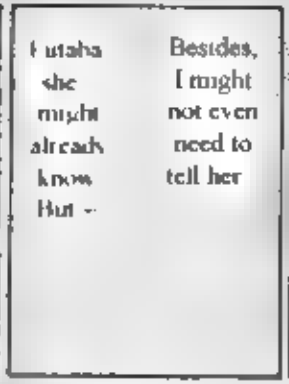
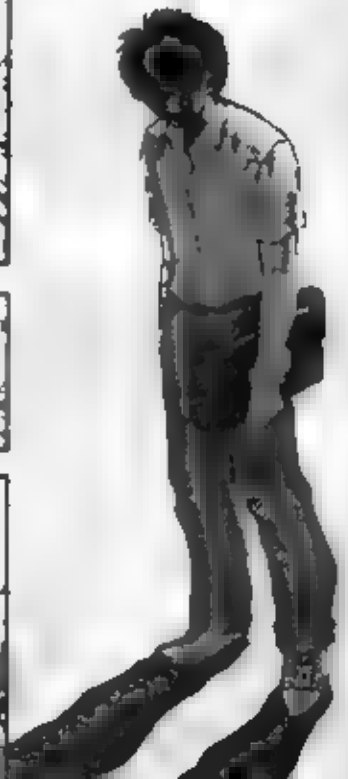
The special meaning to it... is gone
But, is it alright to be playing such a special song for everyone to hear?
Why's he depressed ...?
... it's alright
Eh ...
It's your girlfriend huh?



That means, it's possible for Shuuto -sensei to love Futaba back now...







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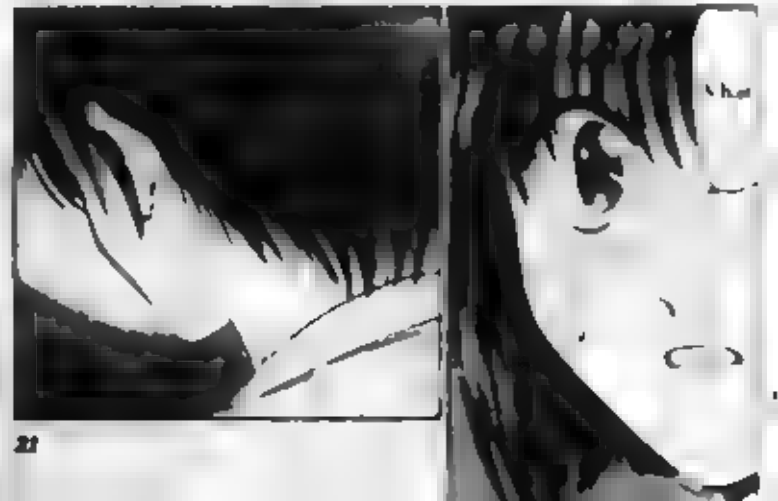
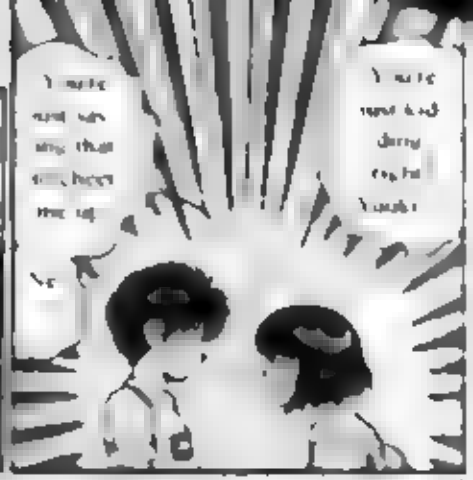
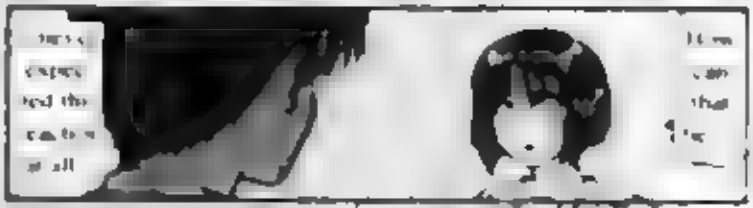
PART 2

An Agonizing Facade (2-2)







PART2

An Agonizing Facade (2 2)

Kamiyama

For me could only

!?

Then that means Shuuto-sensei's girlfriend is....

Whether or not the feeling can be reciprocated both would be suffering. Her love affair is even more agonizing that mine is

Having the one you love be your sister's boy-friend

I've always loved Futaba

that

Futaba loved Shuuto

Oneechan will live a happy life

she

she caught a glimpse of Shuuto -sensei

KAWAMURA

After that day, Futaba would no longer smile

She'd just hang her head and not say a word

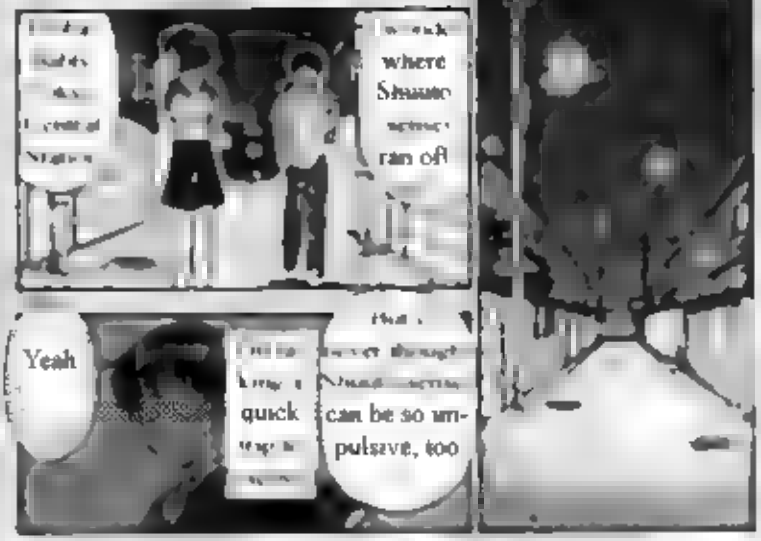
Let the party begin I made this all by myself
Why do all the dishes look
Wha
just to try to cheer me up, didn't you. ?

Shucks I thought I'd catch some rest
Ha-ha
Ta-dah !
We've never eaten a meal together ever since Hatsune -neesan left haven't we?
I guess it's been some time since we had dinner together
But I have nothing prepared
Watch me

Go confess to Shuuto sensei
Just confess! already
much better now
I feel
You gotta be kidding Why would I do something like that
Can Futaba's feelings for him be returned or not
You should do it now that Shuuto-sensei is single
Why did you suddenly say that
Why
No this isn't it
Oh Futaba
I hurt
If you had to choose between two pains it's better to have sensei's love right
This is a great chance
This sad smile is not the one I wanted to see...

guess
That's not the of my problem!
I love Futaba very
It shouldn't matter to you -sensei's old right?
-sensei can make Futaba- honestly smile from the heart once again...
Baka, why should you care about
I want to see Futaba's
Con- vey it to him
What' most im- portant is your own
Huh?
Shuuto

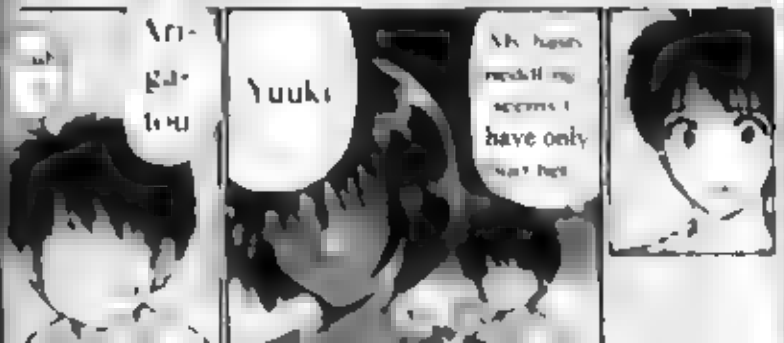
...you were with Onee-chan
...I think I loved you even more when..
Futaba chan
It's strange really
But ..
No I
But
Sensei Don't you
love Onee-chan anymore
I found out it pained me even more to hear you broke up
Even though it pained me to see you as a happy couple
You were already Onee-chan's boyfriend when we met
But ...
I really do love you Shuuto sensei
This is what she meant didn't she?
It's Hatsune she didn't discuss it with me She went and moved on without me
She doesn't need me anymore
I've always really loved you, Shuuto-sensei
It started from the moment I met you
This is the end ...

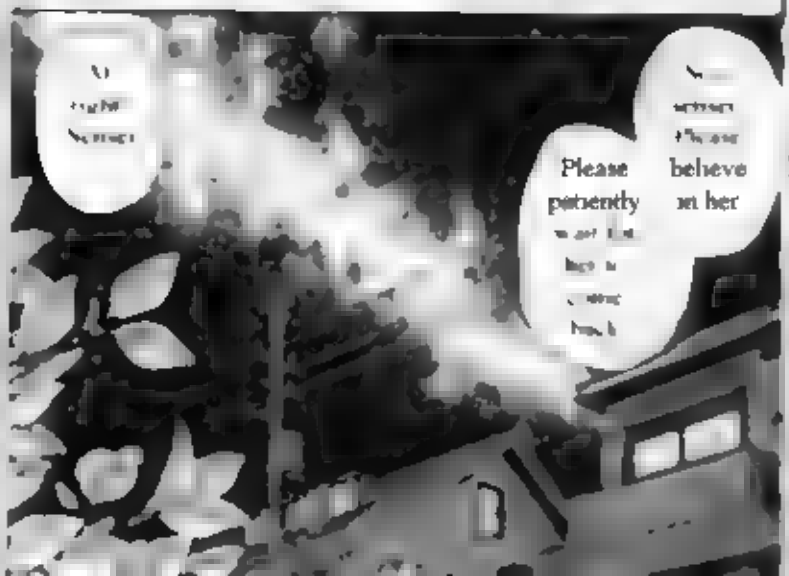

where Shuuto ran off
Yeah
quick
can be so impulsive, too

moved on say that?
told me only a day

Onee-chan
why she didn't discuss it
back for you
come back

think that... my romance is over...


Yuuki
have only


Please
believe
in her

It was painful, but I feel happier now right now!
Thanks to you I found the courage to end my 1st love
by a smile from the

PART 3
A Peachy Threat
(1/2)

*nameplate - Kamiyama Yuuki
202
Co-op Yamashina— on some morning
Yuu-ki!
Oha-you—!
Wah
Ha-tako, you're still not dressed
You want to be late
Oh, Futaba-chan
Mou, you didn't answer at all
Huh? Anything will be fine
Ne (Yuuki) what do you want for dinner tonight?
We can decide what to eat then
But it makes me sad we're not even dating

It's now a month later
There's no longer a trace of this in Futaba's expression
That feels just a little bit strange!
In that case, Shuuto-sensei is now my brother-in law
There were [illegible] I'm sure they'll be real happy
I'm then made it official last week
Hatsune-san and Shuuto-sensei are now formally engaged
Oh yeah I heard it
But then
[illegible] High Math [illegible]
[illegible] Shuuto [illegible]
Futaba had been very much in love with Shuuto-sensei
Right now, I'm standing on the starting line
Where I could only hope to stay on her good side before after that event, I'm finally at square one
Yeah, way ahead of you
Hey did you hear?
I heard she's a real beauty!
She's [illegible] section 1, right?
Our future begins here
I think it must've [illegible] even Futaba [illegible] and just
Futaba forced her self to be their supporter
I think I loved you even more when you were with [illegible]
[illegible] to love you Shuuto-sensei [illegible]
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the guys so excited about?
!?
Oooohh! She's even more beautiful than rumored!

It's really you, Yuu-chan!!
U-wa-ah-ah!

学生食堂
キーン
コーン
カーン
I had
feel like
to die
How
Hey
What a pea
by threat
think it's
best if he
lies for a
while
And I
thought
we'd never
meet again
in this
lifetime
Okay
Let go of
me already
Move
inside
That
transfer
student
is you
Fumika
Kana
Yuuki
Kana
Yuuki
ずぬ～ん
ぐ～ん

C'mon let's eat together
Ah I'm Kawamura Futaba
I'm called Yumoshima Fumika
Ah Fumika !
I moved to Canada Canada
Yuuuk Who is that girl ?
Hm
That's totally wrong !
She switched schools because of her dad's work or something and moved to the States or some other
Yumoshima Fumika
2nd year high school
I'm in elementary or 2nd year high school we were inseperable buds

Didn't you tell me before? Say, 'I love no one other than Fumika!'?
When did I go say such a thing?!

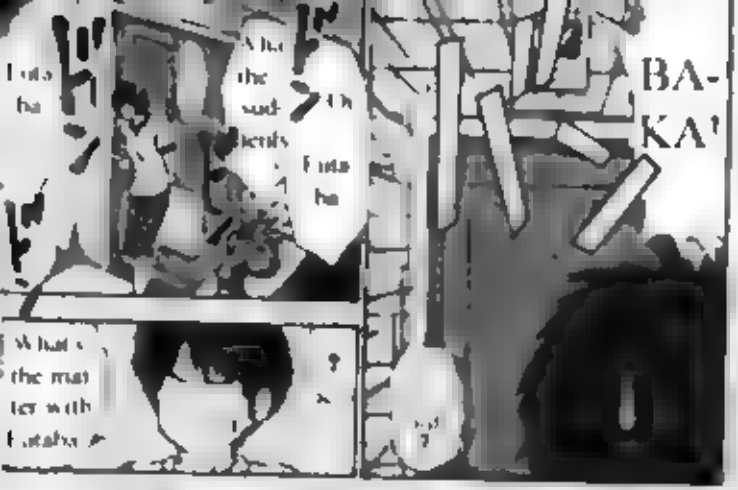
In this world, Yuu-chan loves no one other than me
When did I go say such a thing
Didn't you tell me before? Say, 'I love no one other than Fumika'
What a weird idea

Would love
Huh What's wrong Utaha
Maria's plotting love love
WHAT
Okay Then I'll come over to cook for you tonight
love by your self
So Right now sorta
What doesn't matter
Don't decide things on your own
Am I being a nui sance?
Aal
Nan-demo nai
Hm
Where the heck am I running off to?
I'm acting like an idiot
Well
I'm going on ahead now
Kami sama kun
So it's just that today's

Uh
Yeah
Mmm Was it good
She went home right after dinner She's such a brother
Where's Fumika san?
Nandemo-nai
I'm really sorry about today That's always how crazy he is

And since we've known each other for so long she knows my tastes very well
Ah that She may not look like it but she's a really good cook
Fumika sans cooking
Huh

I'm... This is so stra-nge


BA-KA!
What's the matter with Futaba?

Why am I so rattled by this?
What am I so furious about

PART 4

A Peachy Threat

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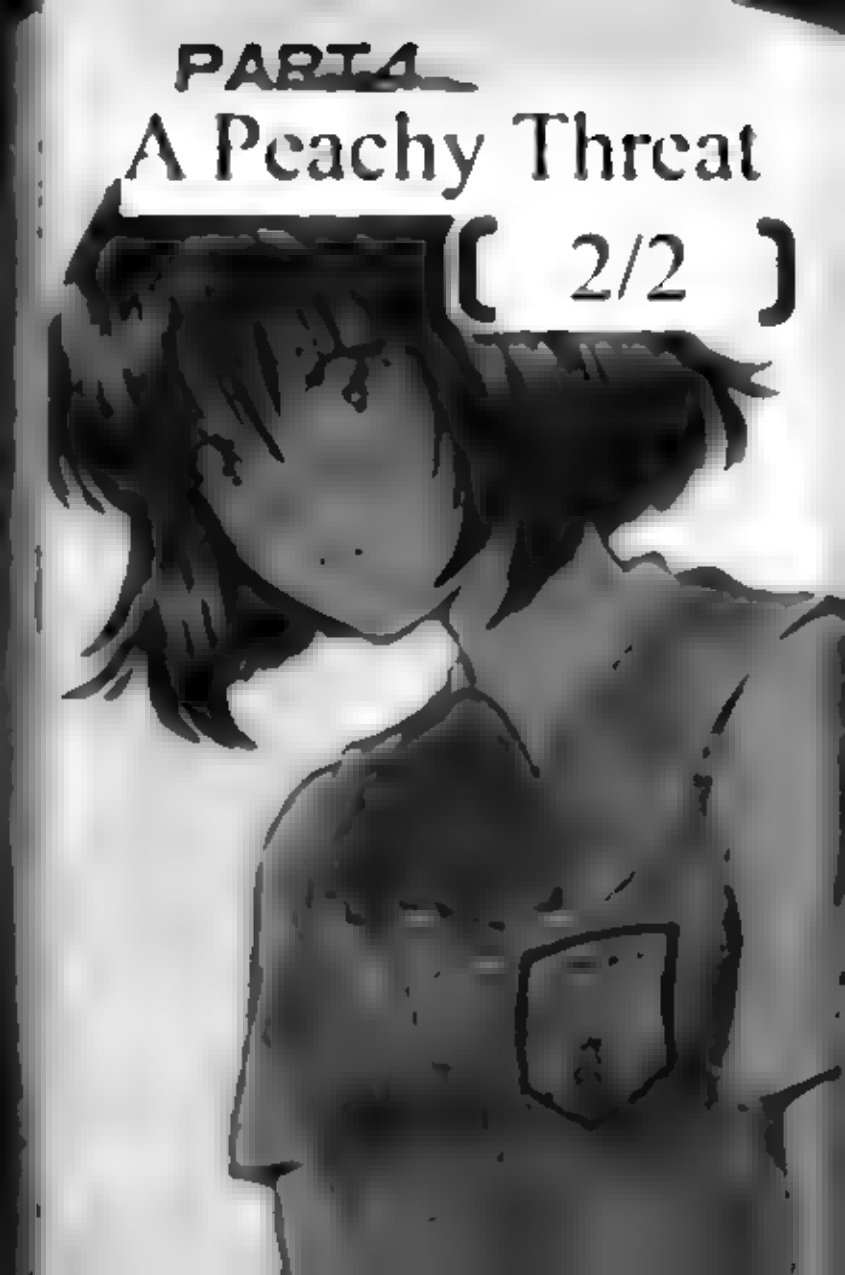

*Writing - The wind records life

SALAD DAYS

And I'm gonna do this for a week
This is insufferable
Ugh I really finished
Ah
Man What did I do
Why did I need to hide like that?
I don't know myself
Just a few days ago
She hasn't called me all that
It's all that cursed Yuraha's fault

Going to be his housekeeper

And the rest of all this is Fumika-san's arrival!
Hey it isn't Kawamura-san
What a coincidence
your dinner here too?

I don't want to hear about this Yuu-chan that only you are familar with
I don't want to hear about this Yuu-chan of yours
Stop it.
And also the meat in a curry rice dish should be sliced thinly
Incidentally sliced onions added to them
Enough! I don't want to hear any more!
Hambaa- shouldn't have used those cheapies that go cheap & he loves
And you know what else Yuu-chan he
Huh Wait Kawa-mura-san
Fumika san I'm I'm going on ahead
I'm not boasting, I really know how to cook
he may look like it but she's a really cool cook
He hates chicken a real but if you wou just it up once he loves it instead
the type of food Yuu-chan likes I know them all
Stop it

Hi
Yuu-
ki!
No!
Go back
home!
What
is it?
Futaba,
open up
will you!
Why
What
Why
the
heck
not?
It doesn't
matter
Just open
up, ok?
It's just
right now
I don't want
to look at
you!
Na-
ru!
What have
I done?
What did
I do to
offend
you!
Why?
Why are
you igno-
ring me!
Yuuki
you've
done
nothing
wrong.
I have-
n't been
igno-
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you!
This pain
I have in
my chest
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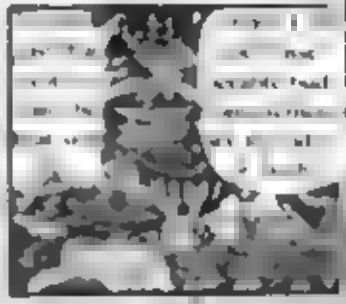


What is she to you, Yuuki?

Don't hide it from me any longer!
y the words, I love no one other than Fumika!"?

!?

One of his partners was Fumika mother
He can act a little careless so when my mom got pregnant with me he went elsewhere for release
My old man's a come what may kinda guy
Actually we're siblings sharing only the same father
There's a limit to how idiotic one can get you know?
Me date that brat
This what's the best way to explain this
!!?
Wah-haha haha haha haha!
It's true we're not just regular friends
Ha
That's why, I had to pull myself together
She started loathing herself
But, really, Fumika was hurt more
It was 1st year jr high when I found out. I felt betrayed
Actually.. me and that brat .. are siblings
'sigh - Aona Jr. Hi
I hate everyone I hate mom and dad
I wish I could just disappear
I hate everyone I'll never trust another person ever again
Just you alone
I love no one other than Fumika ----
What can I do? This is the truth after all
If you're going to lie at least make up a plausible one!
What are you talking about? Don't take me for a fool!
Wha..?

Ah
Why did you make all these dishes
but

If you think about it carefully, you've never said my cooking was delicious
it just didn't set well with the way me you praised Fumika's dishes like that

I didn't even notice my crowded surroundings
Before I knew it I'd already cooked this much
I had been motivated by wanting to hear you praise me

Do you hate me?
That's why, being siblings with you is the greatest fortune of my life
You're the best. You chan
I love u

Me and Fumika are brother and sister
Believe me, or don't believe me but that's the truth

Gomen ne Yuuki
I let my imagination run wild.
So that's the rea
son

Heh Futaba
So she was jealous That made me glad somewhat
I'm what
Futaba don't tell me you're
Uh
We haven't eaten together in a while huh
And it's rare for you to cook so much
to
But I want to eat with you Futaba
But didn't you eat Fumika's cooking already Yuuki
Huh what
Really? Is it delicious really?
Whoa What a treat It's really delicious
KYAA Yuuki why are you eating with your hands
I understand But there's only dishes here the rice isn't cooked yet

PART6
A Test of Love's
Strength

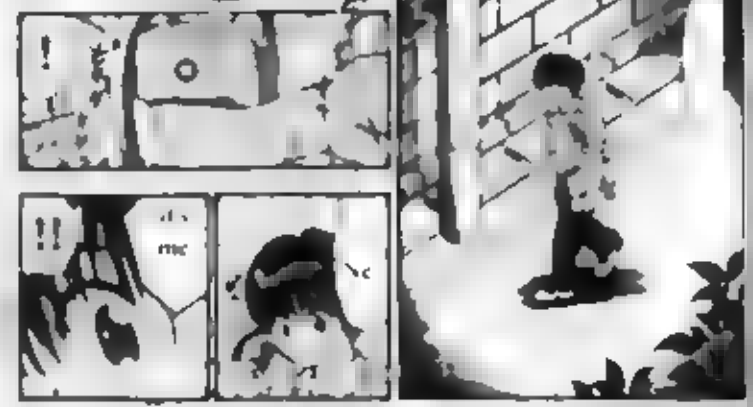
There are bound to
one has
Come on!
Give me
your best
shot!
can wait
till *after*

No-rito-kun!
Hey! You lagdown how dare you talk to me like that!
You're the most uninteresting of us! How can you be so lucky
Damn it I'm gotta be an ugly one for it to be possible
Pull pull
We have lost
Su nigeh kawa
I happened by and saw you Come I'll give you a ride
Sh haru
I just heard! Are those rumors true
Oh North
Is this what happened yesterday
Heh.. Busted!
I heard that you are dating a girl from Himeyuri academy
No way
You shitting me!
I was cher ver
He he he
lucky Hime-yun
How'd you get to know one?
But Aren't those girls from Himeyuri extremely rich debutants

Greetings I am Miharu's father Yoshiki Saburou
Han nenna shite
Eh
I am so tired a day has to see my father
What is it Miharu
Nonto kun. I have a favor to ask
A nice man
Really no hugging
Wow today is so good a day as any let's
Because dad said Mi haru if you meet a nice man you wish to date remember to bring him home for dad to see
どーん
Mi ha
Han nenna shite
Nhn
What a
Mm
Mm
Mm
Mm

No undergarments... and a tattoo to boot?
Yakuza ...?
Ahh
But, if she truly has fallen for you it's true that I have no choice but to acknowledge it
Norito. Let me be frank with you I think it's a little early for Miharu to
Wakatemashita, otoosan
Do you understand
Let this hand decide for me
After all tough guys like me hate to think things through
Mr Miharu
Well Norito

In any case...
Winning means
I can date her.
Losing means
I have to break
it off
Huh
!?
It's more than I want to handle!
GO!!
But a Yakuza daughter
Maybe leaving is better after all


!
!!
me
Ne

Norito kun
But this is
Dammit. He only said not to see you He didn't forbid me from calling you
Mihara This isn't good I should call me

This is also the first time I've ever seen Otoosan blow up like that
There is nothing I can give
!?
protect me
protect my father
As far as I know He's always been a reader and is very patient
h

Get the hell out of here at once!
I forbid you from appearing before me or my daughter ever again!

You appear now
Mihara You are forbidden to see this boy ever again

I don't want to leave you

I will go see you

Tomorrow! The following day Everyday

A girl as good as she is..... How could I have decided to give up on her this easily?

How could I possibly leave you?!

Get ready

nt

Can I still see you? Tomorrow The following day? And the day after that

But I never thought he'd actually chase out the one I held most dear to me Gomen

As long as I can see you even if it means being reprimanded by Akiyan I'll be happy

No But

Aa aah

But I love you even more Nobita kun

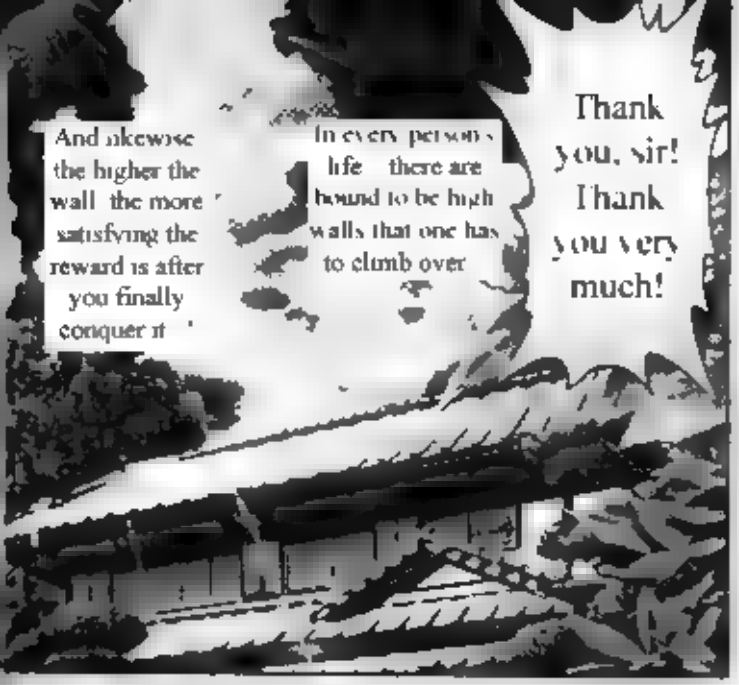
I really love my father very much

GO!

Wha-
...what else? Of course it's because I love her!

Yo-
hate
Your strength is still not enough
!!

!!
Damn it all!
just how much
or lose
That alone proved how


And likewise the higher the wall the more satisfying the reward is after you finally conquer it
In every person's life there are bound to be high walls that one has to climb over
Thank you, sir! Thank you very much!

We'll always be together

Miharu Today, tomorrow every single day afterwards

So you'd better be prepared
But just to set the record if you foul my daughter or make her cry I'll put you through water torture and throw you into Tokyo Bay

PART6
Ghost Street (1/2)

県立二古高等学校

I found
this place

Also this tournament's most hard-hitting crowd-pleasing left-fielder, Nishida Atsushi!
Oh and the so-called Ghost of the team has appeared
Facing such a strong opponent what will Nishida have up his sleeve
Nanamura High will be facing the spring tournament runner up Rakuo Academy from Hyogo to determine their fate
The Koshien National Senior and Junior High baseball tournaments
Today is the opening game of Koshien. God has blessed this day and given us exceptionally clear weather
Nanaura team joining this year's Koshien tournament Nanamura High
This team is a new team representing Ishigi Prefecture this year
Here are the players from the hottest 16 schools around
The athletes are now entering the field

A-
nou
are
you
Why
am I
here
What
am I
doing

para sol
I forgot to bring my parasol with me
I thought it was just nearby but I walked around for so long
You fainted
Ah
Ugh
What the heck is this girl
I should've properly entered through the gate
I wah That was clumsy of me
!?
It isn't sunstoke it's anemia
I've never been able to tolerate the sun much
Ah
I'm sorry But when you get better can you please leave I want to be alone right now
Um I guess you're right gomen
did I really need to know that
Oh
Na mae
Hai
I said when you get better, not right now Go back to lying down
Gomennasai I---
What's your name?
Ah!
Sorry for intruding like this
Taku Why am I helping her?
Barging into someones home all of a sudden, then fainting afterwards?
Oh! What's wrong with you?

!?
No way ...?
Huh
Aren't you Shibata Kuniaki -kun?!
You
It's you
Your hair has grown longer
I couldn't recognize you because of it
How did you know my name

Sunazawa Kuni
My name is Kuni
I'm not from here I'm from Tokyo I came here to visit my grandma
Really Where from
I moved here from Tokyo last year
We haven't met before have we
What a coincidence

Heavy hitters, one after the other you would fe with 3 strikes What an ama- zing sight
They c en called s, "Tripe Strikeout Methodist
She says Kuechan this and Kuechan that like we were really familiar Carrying photos like these in hand I don't like this
Oh, this is my favo- rite! Kue- chan de- zing-el!
There's others Kuechan's practice pict
!?
I al ways have been
I'm your most ardent fan!
Yeah be cause of my dad's work
I last fal when I hear I that you were mov ing away I was really sad
This is bad
Ohh sure
I'm happy be cause work is
But even in my dreams I never ima- gined I'd ever end up in the country town my grandma lives in
This girl seems to hold some kinda fal ty impression of me
This was fr m last summer in the West Tokyo Tourna- ment where you pitched a perfect game Kue-chan
This is Ichi
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Kue- chan's first game as pitcher in Senior h
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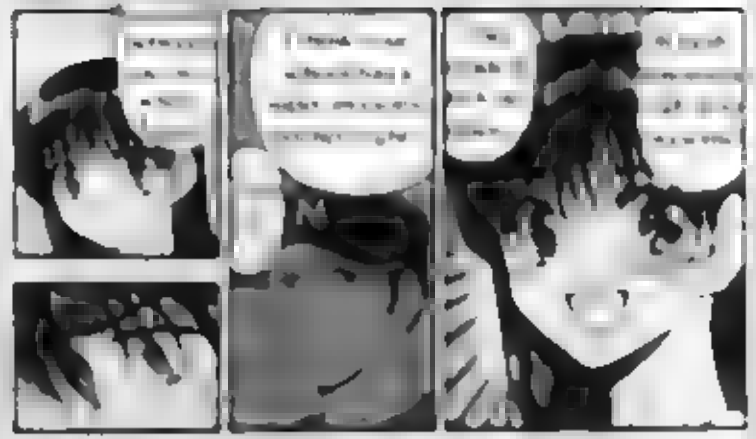

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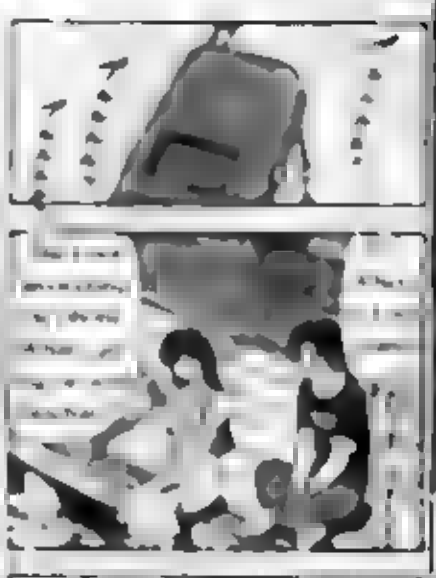
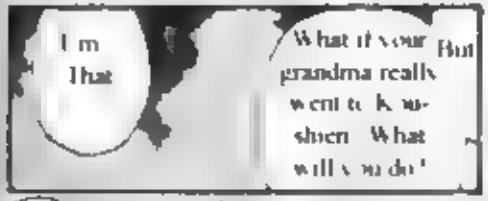


I believed that over there, I'd also be the starting pitcher!

being in the top 4 of the West Tokyo Tourna- when I transferred to Nanomiya High

Truthfully I'm not as glorious as she thinks, actually...



She doesn't know I don't play baseball anymore...

Natal
ne
Oh
young
Kus
chan
Weird
What am
so giddy
about
but
she's
got
spirit
She's not a
supermode
This bad
habit has
n't changed
since child
hood
He's
don't
twirl
that pa
rasol
like
that

I'm sure..
I met this girl
before. even
bumped into
her a lot!

PART7
Ghost Street (2/2)

What are you trying to pull
Ah
Oh
That girl standing on top of the statue
took over 200 of the weird girl to back
Huh
That's nothing I won't let them get a hit
Now next week's championship'll be a cinch!
Ha ha ha
Oh
She's a spy after all
Don't try to
Ah
Um
But why did you call her weird
Is that so I never noticed
She's come everyday for the past few days
If
Is she the one that
Why is she fainting all of a sudden
Oh wake up
Huh
What do we do
Ah
Her breath
Put her down on the bench
short
Ah
Very possible
Don't tell me she's a spy that our opponents have sent
Damn it How can we allow her to continue
Now that you say it that's weird
Ah
And looks to be an elementary student, but why the
Because She just stands there quietly and does nothing else

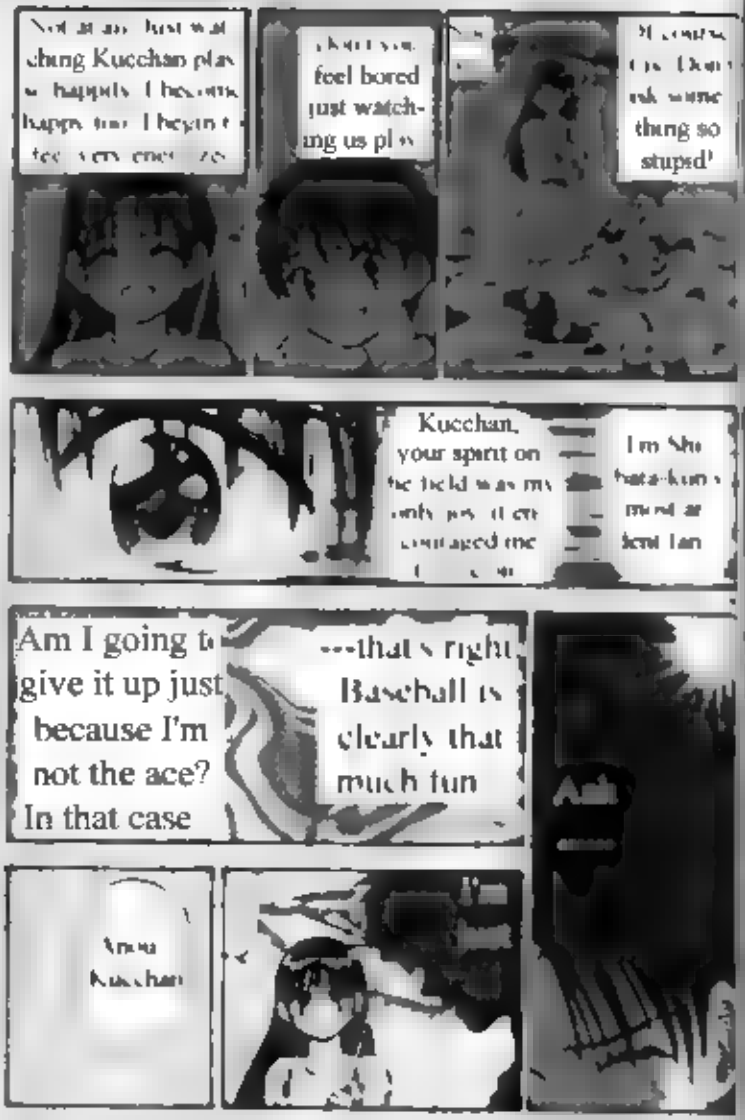
I've never been able to tolerate the sun much
Huh Is that para sol
I see
That's really awesome, isn't it?
So I admire it since it gives a lot of shade, being able to play under the great sun and get all tan
Yes, you there
This is no big deal at all
Is it really okay
I can tell the coach about your condition
since that's the case next time you can just watch from the bench

I'm sorry I was a little shocked
Huh Me
I never thought Shuhei-kun'd ever appear before me so I was
I saw you were merely just watching us practice while you ran away
Geez, really now
Yours, Shuhei-kun
I'm a base ball fan, you see
You burns
What

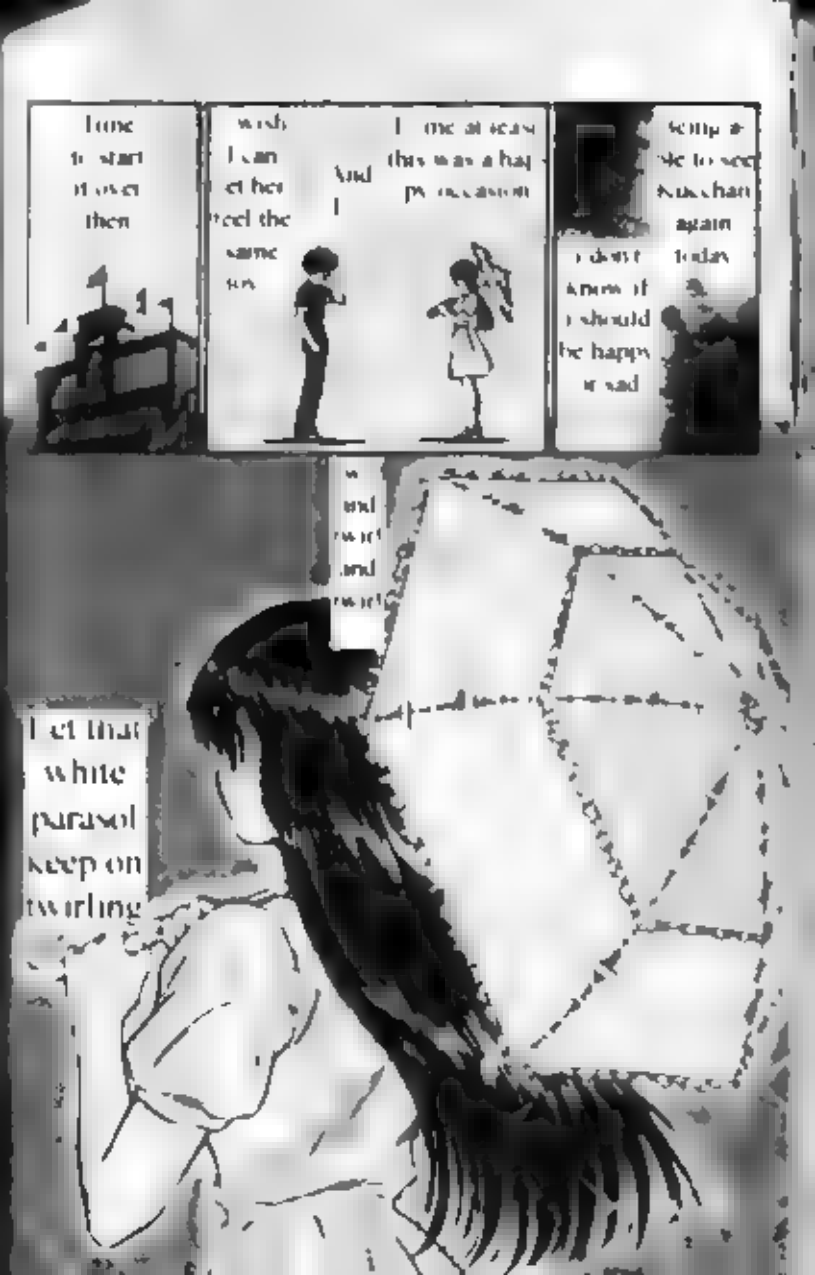
Looks like obaachan really did go to Koushien.
The same with the phone, no one's picking up.
No matter how many times I call, no one answers.
Ah, that's right now.
Arigatou
Kouchan, I hear every one calls me that
My name is Shiko Sasaki gawa Shiko
her girl
she's

Wah, so this is Nimomya High
the last place I wanna go to right
Hey could yo- stop twir- ling that around? It's dan-
I'm happy
Come to think of it
don't we go listen to the radio?
What's to be so happy about coming here?
Rookie team Nimomya High starts off against strong foe, Raku-
This contest is just getting so fired up!
There's not a single
right now, it's so liberating
Don't coop up at home walk around
Only the two of us in this town. It's not a situation you encounter

finally go to see Kucchan on TV so I was very
I'd get to see Kuc- -an's per- -t form on
transfer
making it to
I was sad
I wanted to confirm the situation, and that's why I
That
watching Kucchan's sprint on the field was my only joy
Why don't you play bas
Kuc- chan, why
ask that/ for?


Being able to see Kuechan again today
I don't know if I should be happy or sad
Kuechan, your spirit on the field was my only joy it encouraged me
I'm Shuhata-kun's most ardent fan
Am I going to give it up just because I'm not the ace? In that case
---that's right Baseball is clearly that much fun
Ah
Ah
Kuechan
Ne, Kuechan--- Is baseball fun?

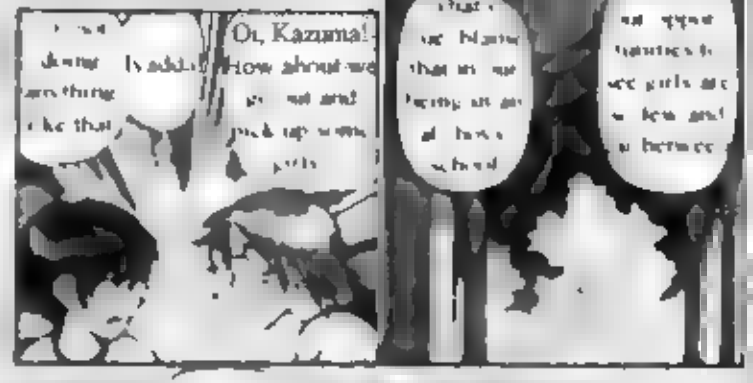
You
I love baseball, right?
That's right
I love it
My pride is totally not worth giving up baseball for
I love it the best
It's a hit The ball is flying higher and farther Yes it's a home run
It's a sayonara home run Nine-nil vs 4 Nishida has hit a sayonara home run Thereby defeating the strong foes Rakuyoshi Academy


I once
wish
And
I
I don't
Let that
white
parasol
keep on
swirling

PART8

Three Boys Two Girls

3B, 2G (1/3)


Oi, Kazuma! How about we go out and pick up some girls

Oh it's you, Kazuma
You want a treat

You're not after a one night affair are you

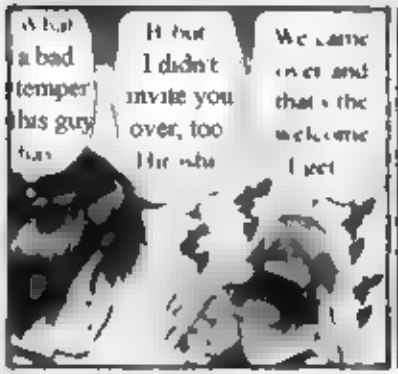
Ah! I just need is to get a chance

a condition

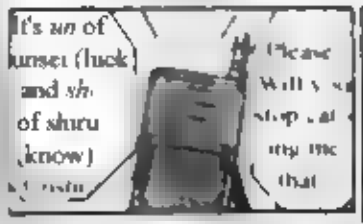
I wish I had a girlfriend

Ah! Kazuma Welcome
Just a sec. Here Come in

Wah
You don't you know the cost of calling us over is high
Gucchi what's up? You didn't tell me


What a bad temper this guy has
It's not I didn't invite you over, too Hiroshi
We came over and that's the welcome I get

Why is Hiroshi here for?

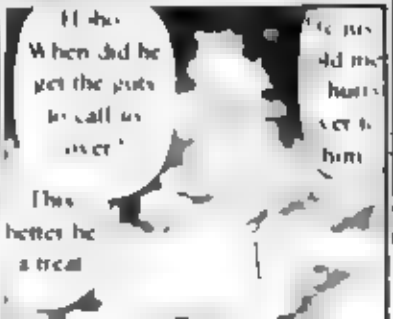

It's an of lunset (luck) and sh of shuru (know) Shuru
Please Will you stop call my me that

don't need a name like that
Are u mom Gucchi is easier to call out

Ah Kazuma! It's me, Unshi
Hai konnichiwa
Ah see it's Gucchi*

Trouble Like what?
Oh right This is bad I'm in trouble, Kazuma!
So what did you call me for Some kind of

Nhe ra ra
What What's with


H sho When did he get the guts to call us over?
He just did me hurt over h him
This better be a treat

Ah..? Chotto matte! Gucchi? Moshi moshi
Just come over to my place! Haya-ku! I'll see you later

Holy
Can I meet with you next time?
I await your reply
This is what she wrote to me
What do you mean? Go there's nothing you should fret about
What
Just wi
look like Takuzawa Hideaki* (Western
Well that's true but I just think that it'd be such a waste
Well if that is the case then I so could refuse
I thought it would be a good joke at the time
Ha ha

Hey, stop it already So what did you call us over for
Oh
Stop right me al
Bastard
secretly got a girlfriend for yourself?
and it's from a girl
I have lots of whine friends and I got this mail
You guys know that I'm into amputees right
Yeah so what?

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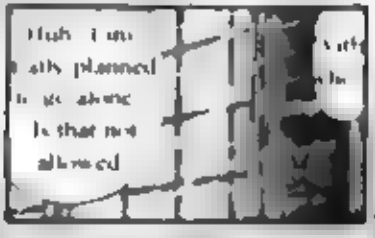
**Pertains to Johnny's Entertainment
Produces a lot of popular Japanese boy bands

Huh?
known for lots of pretty girls
That school for princes
Just think, she's from Houseun Girls Academy
!!?
Hey, wait a minute.
Carpe diem*
I'll compose your reply for you
Alright that's what we'll do
Is it you, Akiko-san?
Madoka-chan ka
It's me
Ah
*seize the day

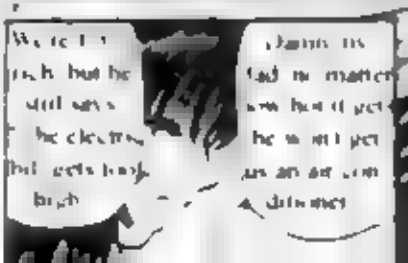
What did you want to see me for
Ah Oh yes

so I wanted Akiko-san to tell me about it
but I don't know what an "induction party" is
because an anime friend of mine was led me to join me

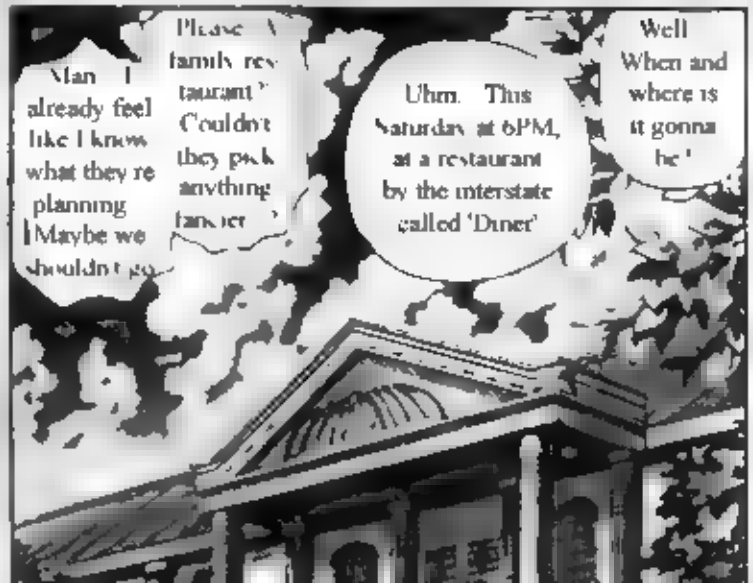

Huh I am with planned to go alone Is that not allowed

Huh Well I do really want to go Is something wrong
You're not seriously going are you

Man these places are so as romantic during as ever

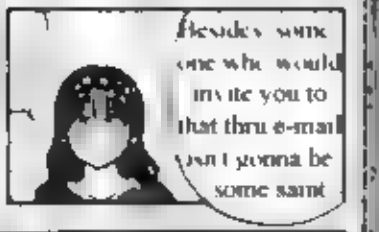

We're rich but he still says he cheese but gets back high
damn it Sad no matter how hot I get he won't get an air con

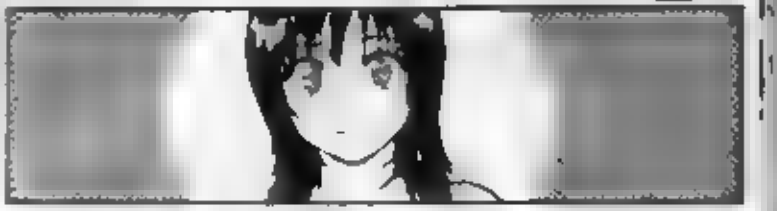
I'm gonna be your chaperon
But on one condition! I have to go with you too
Damn! I hate myself! Why do I keep butting into other people's business?
Hontou ni? Arigatou Mako-san you're the best


Man I already feel like I know what they're planning Maybe we shouldn't go
Please! A family restaurant! Couldn't they pick anything fancier?
Uhm. This Saturday at 6PM, at a restaurant by the interstate called 'Diner'
Well When and where is it gonna be!

Wakannashita
Is that right?

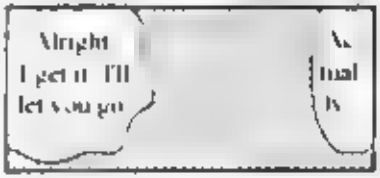
Huh?
These introduction parties aren't for innocent princesses like you!

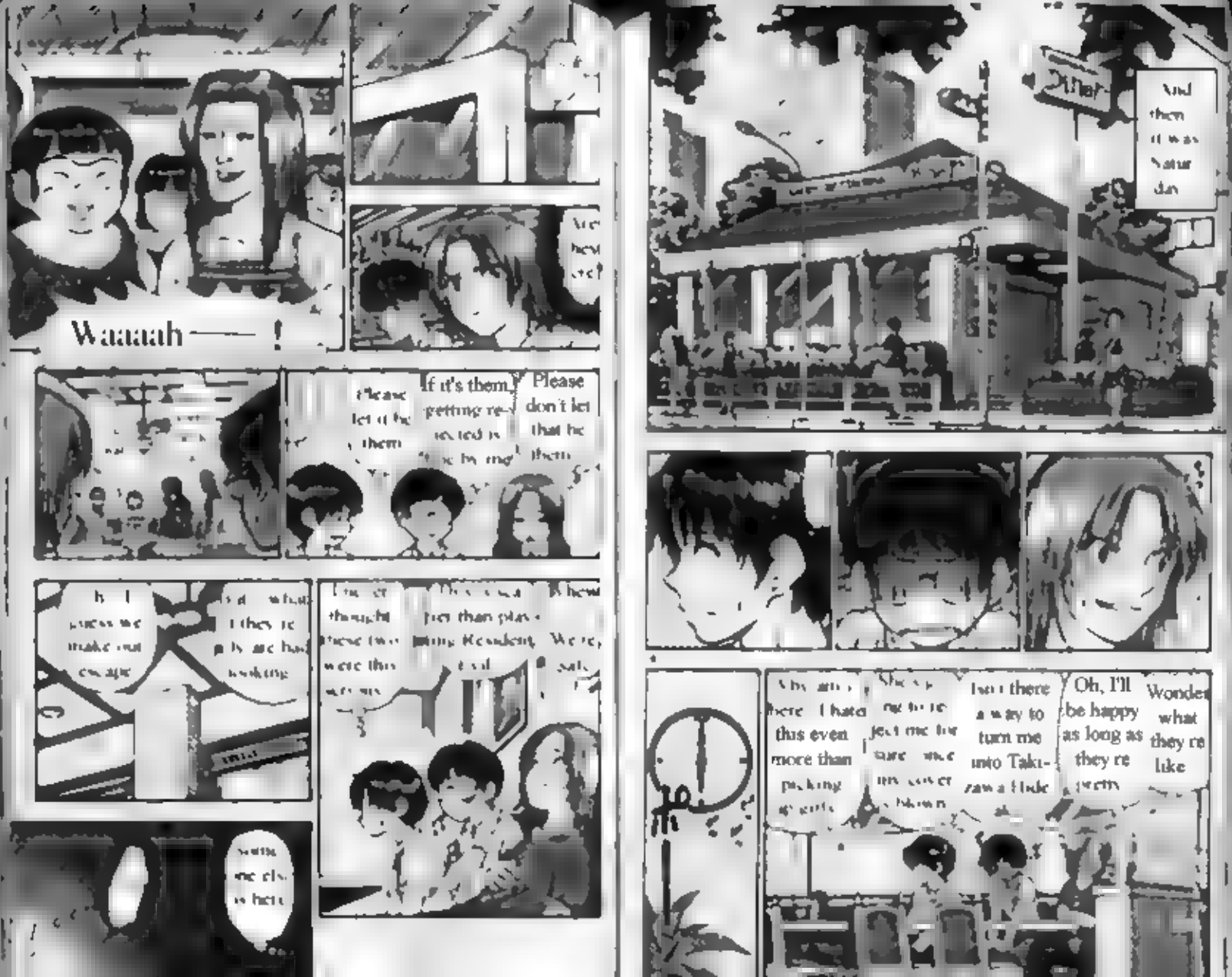

Besides some one who would invite you to that thru e-mail won't gonna be some saint



You really want to go don't you?

Okay hold on a sec
I'll go and refuse the invitation then


Alright I get it. I'll let you go
As usual is


Waaaah——!
Please let it be them
If it's them, getting re- ected is me by my
Please don't let that be them
Diner
And then it was Natur day
Oh, I'll be happy as long as they re
Wonder what they re like

Praise be on high!

I guess they haven't gotten here yet. Let's go find a seat.

Nani yo!? There's no one here that looks anything like Takizawa.

How rude of them. How can they let girls wait for them?

You are

Is this it? Is it them?

Holy shit! Super babes!

!?
Why does this girl know my name

Takada Hiroshi
of "Hanasaki Sushi"
!?
PART8
3B, 2G (2/3)
W-why does this girl k-know my name?
Ah!
Ah!

!!?
!!
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PAGING
3B, 2G (2/3)

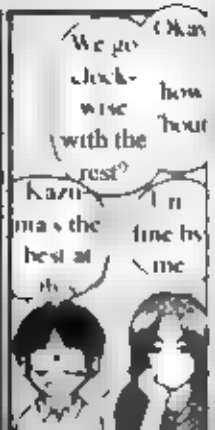
Let's start with introductions
It's an induction party let's keep this fun ok?

Alright I'll start things off
Right We all just met after all

What' You wanna fight
What the hell do you want'
Hey now hey now

My family runs a bath-house so if you're in need of a public bath please come see us
Oh Birthday's at July 10 zodiac sign is cancer blood type is O
I'm in 2nd year at Ooba High
Kazuto

My father works at Yoshizuru Bank
Let's see I'm Fujisaki Madoka 2nd year at high at Himesato Academy
My birthday's January 15 so I'm still 16


We go clockwise with the rest?
Okay how 'bout
Kazuma's the best at
I'm fine by me

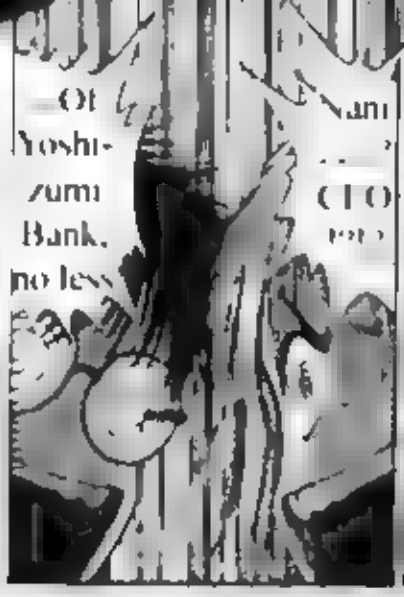
I don't have to tell you my name
don't talk to me

Why'd she go beat someone she just met
Shit what's up with that bitch

What's your name

Hey

I never heard of her before
Akiyama Mokoto
I like Madoka-chan I'm 2nd year senior high at Himesato Academy
Akiyama Mokoto 17 years old
My birthday's on April 12 an Aries blood type A


Of Yoshizumi Bank, no less
Nani CEO pero

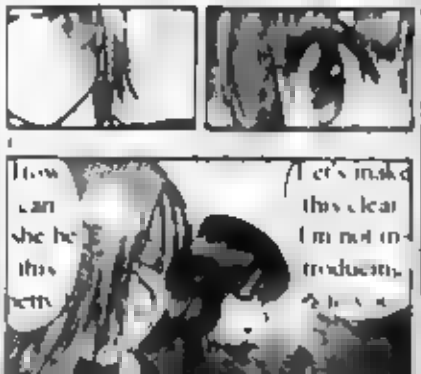
Hmm I'm not sure if he's a manager
He's a manager I guess
Yoshizumi Bank isn't that the one that deals only with big accounts

He's the CEO or something

Huh
My family runs a first-class sushi restaurant

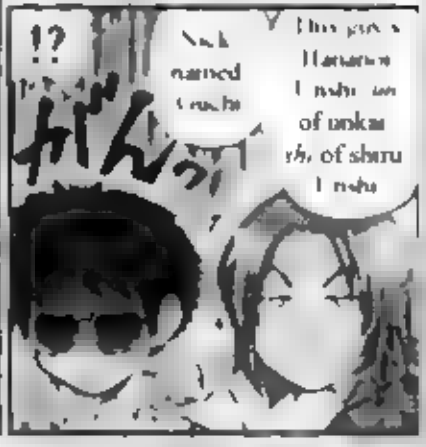
How'd this happen? Why would such a high class person be coming an industrial party
Is it some thing I said
This is the first time I met a real lady
Hmm so processed or something else

You really should treat me a little better
We're on the same line of business
He he
Huh? Sushi?

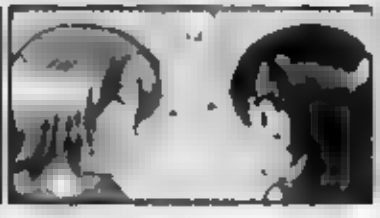

How can she be this petty
Let's make this clear I'm not introducing

Huh? Me?
Well Next up is

It's funny isn't it?
Whahaha that true What a cute name
I gave me some hope


!?
Nick named Coach
This guy's Hanawa Yoshi an of unkai shi of shuru Yoshi

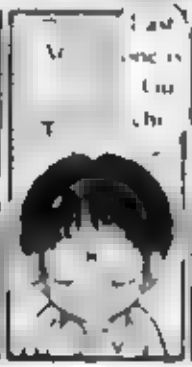
Hmph!



Coach is a very cute nickname It's a tasteful kind of humor
He's now I think Hanawa Yoshi is a nice name

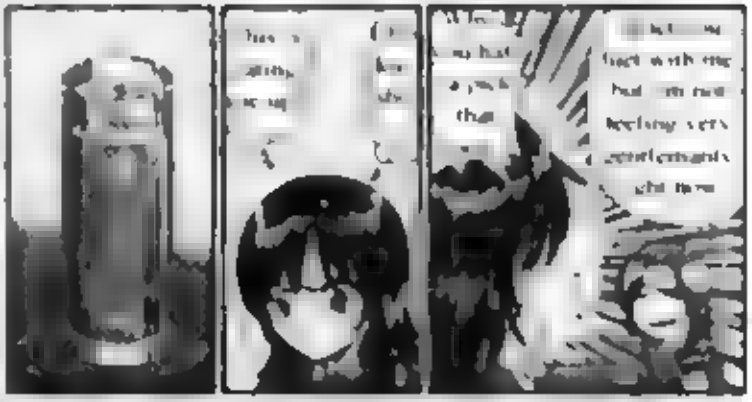
I'm not directing my introduction to you
Didn't you hear
Didn't make it clear

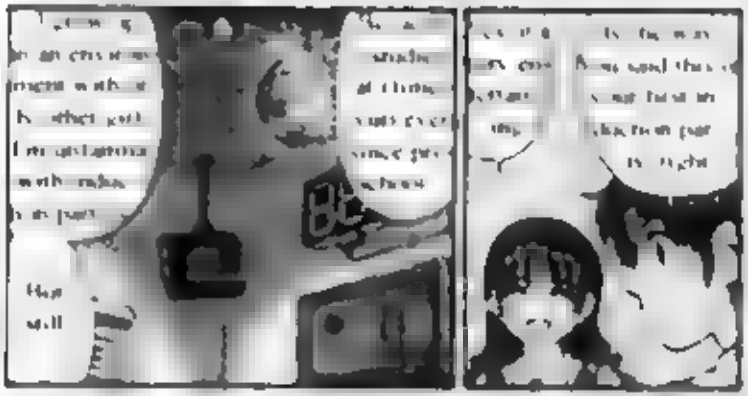
Next up is Hiro shi
The tension's palpable



Just skip him after all I've already said every thing I've seen

Hon-
I like it very much
She really
a sensitive girl
I'd like some light
now that that's over with let's eat





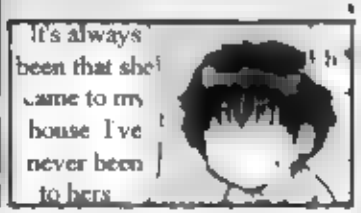
She'd faint just eating a cake with a little white wine in it
Akiko-san has no tolerance for alcohol at all
Well
Why
we have something like that here?
Huh? How should I know?
HI RO-SHI

Don't blame me. She wanted to ruin everything from the beginning
Man, it shouldn't have ended like this
Well, looks like that's it for today
Looks like there's no way of waking her

Well that's the case

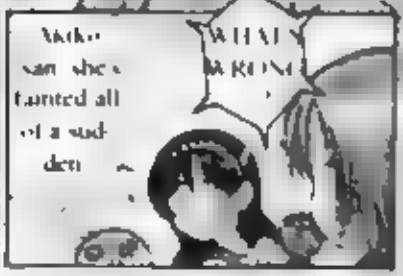
I don't remember I always used speed dial
What's her home phone then
NANI What the heck are we gonna do ?!

Let's take her home Where does she live


It's always been that she came to my house I've never been to hers

Perfection

All she did was drink half a glass of that orange juice


Akiko-san she's vomited all of a sudden
WHAT'S WRONG

It's orange juice with vodka It's alcoholic Alcohol!
Screwdriver
?

This is a glass Screwdriver
Baka This isn't orange juice at all

!?
I was hop- ing
for some more time
culprit should take

Ah back so soon my prodigal son
Isn't that Akiko
Huh
That girl
Huh
Who the hell is this girl?!
What the! How did you know her name, old man?!

PART10
3B, 2G (3/3)

Ah
me, I'll tell
you all about
it. You had
to be told
sometime
Yes
this can't
be true
ed back
to 20
years
Back then
was working
at Masaru
Sushi as an
there
that
got to
know
Ooh
You
know
about
it
Ooh
I hear
that girl
is
Masaru
Sushi

Ah
fiancee?
You gotta be
kidding?!
Why is
What
is it my
Oi
Ova
"

a daughter, don't you ?
Because me and Akiyama were both into
part is coming up
started a manga
No! It's not good at all Stop kidding!
you think the
of your

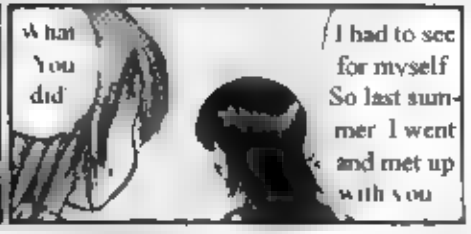
I'll kill you!
Takeda Hiroshi! I'll kill you!
!!?
I'LL KILL YOU!
What the

What the
This girl is going to be my finacee?! Get out of here!

But it's been really great! Your cooking is still unmatched. Mmh
Oh, you please me too much! This is nothing!
Oh, no thank you. I've got things to do at the merchant's house. I can't stay any longer
please have another seat
What the heck is going on? She's not acting totally different from last
You know you should stop calling me uncle and start calling me father
Please let me get used to it on my own
shouldn't rush me with these things
Alright. We'll be off
What's wrong? What do she mean by that
stand
What a waste! stand that by doing this, it will fulfill yours and my dad's dream
Well I tend to accept her what a spec- another cally if chosen the guy's not all bad

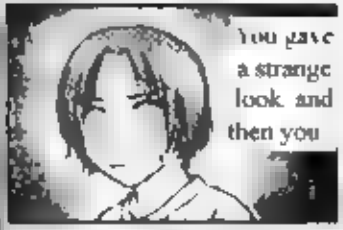
I constantly thought about what my other half was going to be like
The mention of a "fiance" brings up
still a girl you know
romance and chivalry

Dis-
saver
And then


What You did
I had to see for myself So last summer I went and met up with you

Wishing so hard that I'd never ever see that evil bow again
I lost all self-confidence then
And more so

But you actually ditched me


You gave a strange look and then you

And you left me at that lonely cafe So I waited and waited
said a lame excuse about needing to be somewhere for a bit first

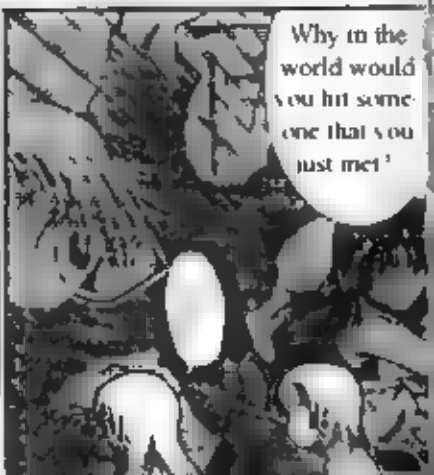
What is it about me that you find so unsavory?
I still don't get it

Because it's you, I will never go through with it!

And what even stranger
I didn't we meet
I'd understand if you dislike the idea of an arranged marriage but why with such passion?
for the first time yesterday

going on about how we just met yesterday
You are quite crass

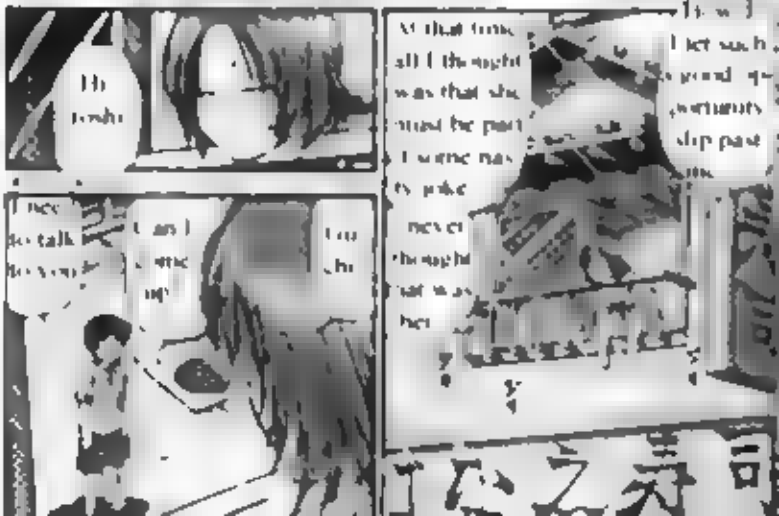
Eh


Why in the world would you hit someone that you just met?

Because I don't usually go to Kazuma's for that
Well What's up
Oh I have some things I wanna discuss
Hi
Because it might burn
Because the electric current will burn
This Please take a look at it first
Hi
It's a print out of an e-mail. It's from Fujisaki Madoka-san
Just what's this
Kurokawa-san's parents attack had a lot of fun at today's rides and events. Thanks

But
I vowed to myself that if I ever did meet that boy again I'd make his teeth rattle
I didn't know that I was needlessly worrying myself

I remember that a pretty girl came up and actually talked to me
Now that I think about it I kinda remember something


Hi Yoshi
Can I come up
I'm sh
At that time all I thought was that she must be part
I never
never thought that was
her
I let such a good opportunity slip past me

How am I supposed to go about it now?
But ... ... Hiroshi?
...I'm still hopelessly in love Madoka!
I don't want to give up...!
Gu-chi ...

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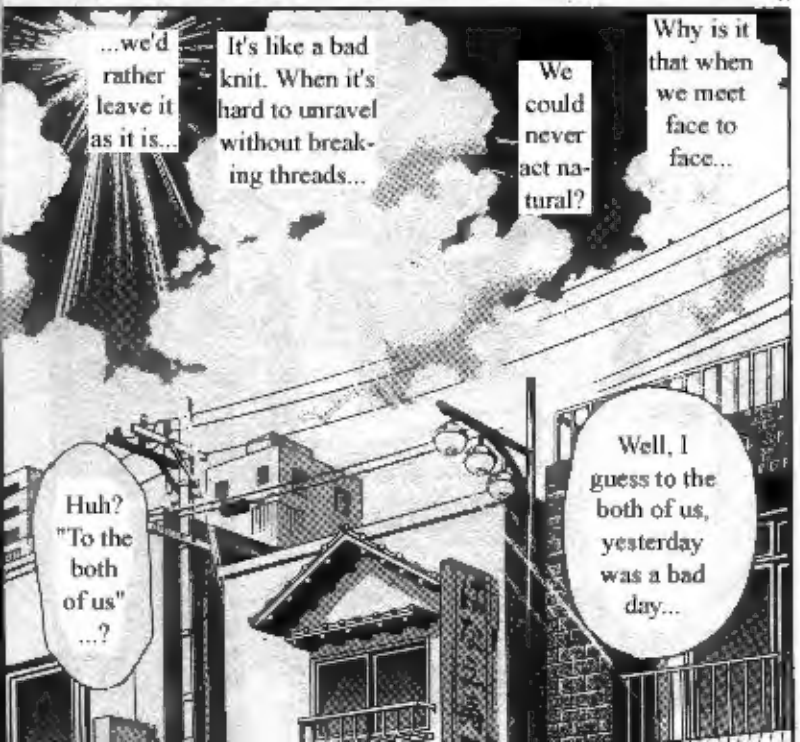
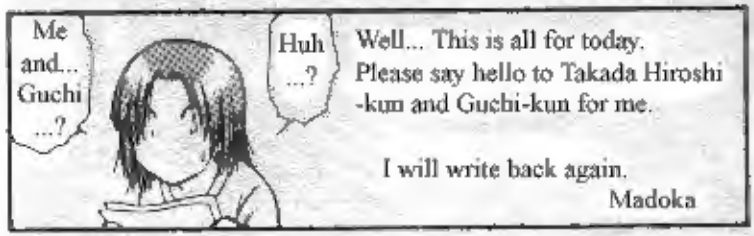

...we'd rather leave it as it is...
It's like a bad knit. When it's hard to unravel without breaking threads...
We could never act natural?
Why is it that when we meet face to face...
Huh? "To the both of us" ...?
Well, I guess to the both of us, yesterday was a bad day...

Itai-tai-tai! Please finish it first will you?!
You came here to rub this in my face?!

I wish we can meet up alone next time.

As for what I thought of you... Well, you don't look like Takizawa (laughs), but I still found you engaging and cool...
Na-ni...?


Me and... Guchi ...?
Huh ...?
Well... This is all for today. Please say hello to Takada Hiroshi -kun and Guchi-kun for me.
I will write back again.
Madoka

...she's more attracted to Kazuma...
Looks like...

Yes, that's the situation. She thinks that the one she's been corresponding with is Kazuma, and not me...
Oi... Guchi.. This means ...

But even so...

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PROFILE

猪熊 忍

INOKUMA Shinobu

Real life alert-- Since I already mentioned this on my webpage, some of you readers may already know... Starting next spring, I'm going to be a daddy! But I have a hair-thin amount of patience, just how am I going to take care of a kid? I'm worried. Well, I guess like a sail that eventually billows out in the wind, I'll figure out a way when the time comes! As you know, I write short stories, so I have to think up of new names for characters almost every single week... And I've had enough! But now, I inevitably have to think of one for my little baby. Oh, cruel fate... Wait... maybe I shouldn't have said that. Someone from up high might not like it and punish me for it! Please forgive me, I really do want to have a good kid...!

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我的主角

MY FAVORITE GIRLS

SALAD DAYS

I thought long and hard for this one, but I finally decided it was time for her to come up... I really like her, so I drew her up! And she is... Sigourney Weaver! If I had the guts to tell her, "Let me rescue you!", I'll pobably get beaten up! This is how strong her presence comes off the screen for me! Even though I met her for the first time as Riley in "Alien", I rather liked her better in her supporting role in "Working Girl". She's over 50 by now right? Maybe it's a little inappropriate to categorize her as one of my "Favorite Girls", maybe I should call her my "Favorite Mother"? I don't know if that's more respectable... You know, come to think of it, and this is my own opinion only, I think this may be the first time I've actually done an accurate portrait! What do you guys think? I passed this time... right?